



Recycling Changes on the NIH Campus

We are still collecting:

Clean and empty food and drink containers made of rigid plastic, metal, and glass.

Mixed paper, cardboard, toner cartridge, and pipette tip rack box recycling is still in effect, as well.

We can no longer collect:

- Medical plastic
- Lab Bottles
- Plastic bags, chip bags, wrappers, plastic wrap, and other plastic films
- Plastic utensils
- Food waste*

What to do with items that can no longer be recycled:

Medical Plastics

Dispose in the NIH “Disposable Labware and Broken Glass Box” or “MPW” box as appropriate.

Empty Lab Bottles

Call NIH Chemical Waste for pick-up—301-496-4710.

Cafeteria Waste*

Food and all items that cannot be recycled should go in the garbage or compost/organic waste bin. NIH Bethesda compost program is on hold until a local compost facility’s services become available to us. However, the designated bins are still emptied and contents are sent to a waste-to-energy facility along with general trash.



[NIH Waste Disposal Guide](#)



Container, Can, Bottle Recycling

Commingled, Non-Paper
(NIH Sites in Montgomery County, MD)



Recycling Pick-Up : 301-402-6349
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Non-Laboratory Container, Can, Bottle Recycling (Commingled, Non-Paper)





Mixed Paper Recycling

(NIH Sites in Montgomery County, MD)

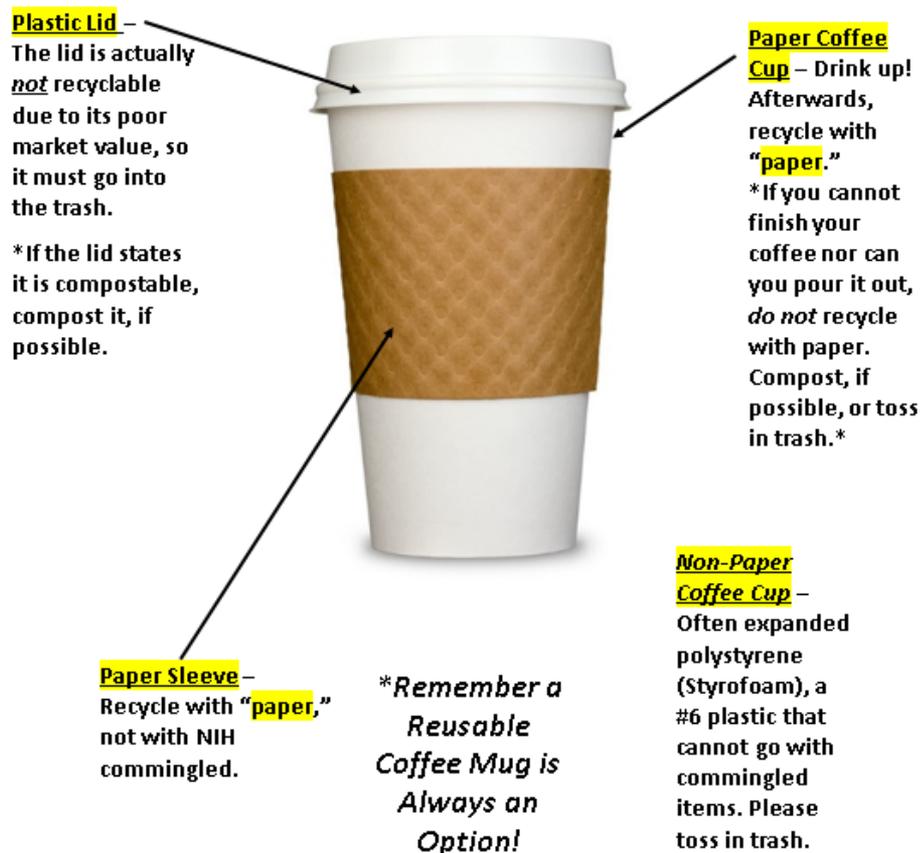


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Refresher on Recycling Coffee Cups

THE COFFEE CUP





State of Compost

The NIH Compost Collection Program is suspended, due to circumstances beyond our control. Local compost facility services are currently unavailable to us.

The contents of this bin will be emptied and sent to a waste-to-energy facility, along with general trash.

For more information,
call the Division of Environmental Protection
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